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Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals
Department of Codes and Building Safety
800 2nd Avenue, South, Third Floor
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RE: Case No. 2008-113

Dear Members:

This is an appeal from a ruling that the proposed signage at 1808 West End Avenue is a roof sign, not a wall sign mounted on the facade or parapet of the building. The proposal is to mount the signage on a frame constructed around the mechanical equipment on the roof of the building.

Section 17.32.070 (D)(3) states that on-premises building signs shall not extend above the roof line of the structure. On-premises wall signs shall not extend above the top of the wall or parapet more than 25%. Section 17.32.130 (F)(1) states that each facade of a principal building shall be restricted to a maximum building signage of fifteen percent of the area of the facade. Section 17.04.060 defines "front facade" as meaning "the front vertical face of a building that is substantially in one plane" Section 17.32.160 (B) states that facade area for calculating permitted on-premises signage is determined as follows:

1. When architectural elevations are provided that accurately and to scale depict the facade of the structure, the area of the facade shall be calculated as the true structural building facade exclusive of roofs, parapets, and false fascia. Parapets of a uniform height on three sides of a structure and of a similar and uniform building material may be included in the facade areas, but decorative parapet extensions of irregular height are excluded.

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The term "parapet" is defined in Websters Third New International Dictionary as "a low wall or similar barrier; especially one to protect the edge of a roof."

The instant proposal is to place signs on the decorative screen around the mechanical equipment and not on a wall or parapet extension thereof.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lon F. West". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Lon F. West
Zoning Administrator

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